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1. The troops in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) did not leave for spring maneuvers prior to 23 March 1951. Some trucks were seen leaving the post at night in the direction of Gardelegen. They usually carried eight soldiers with carbines, submachine guns, full packs and mattresses.

the soldiers on these trucks were advance parties

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2. The Tauentzien Kaserne on Osterburgerstrasse quartered 2,000 troops; most of them wore black-bordered red epaulets, but some wore red-bordered black epaulets and a few wore black-bordered black epaulets. No regular training activity was observed in the billeting area, but numerous driving school vehicles were seen in the installation and in the streets of the city.

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3. One building of the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered 350 troops with black-bordered crimson epaulets and about 150 with red-bordered black epaulets. The soldiers were 20 to 21 years of age. Four other buildings of the installation were occupied by troops who predominantly wore red-bordered black epaulets; some had war decorations. About 15 garages of the installation sheltered about 15 vehicles each, including T-34 tanks. Driving school vehicles in the Tauentzien Kaserne were also seen in this billeting area.

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4. The Albrecht der Baer Kaserne on Scharnhorststrasse quartered about 2,000 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. A high fence obstructed the view into the billeting area. Student drivers were among the troops.

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5. The airfield of Borstel seemed to be occupied exclusively by army units. Troops observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Six prime movers, each towing a 122-mm gun and carrying 10 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, arrived at the airfield on 14 March, coming from the direction of Osterburg.

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\* Comment. [redacted] the advance details belonged exclusively to the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. Their departure toward Gardelegen indicates that units of the division moved to the Letzling Heath training area in early April.

\*\* Comment. The report stating that the Tauntzien Kaserne quartered about 2,000 troops and indicating that the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered about 1,500 troops agrees with previous estimates [redacted]

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[redacted] According to previous information [redacted] the Tauntzien Kaserne and the Hindenburg Kaserne are occupied exclusively by component units of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div. In addition, the 890th Indep Engr Bn of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps is carried in the Hindenburg Kaserne. [redacted]

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[redacted] The report indicates no change in the occupation of Borstel airfield.

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\*\*\* Comment. The Albrecht der Baer Kaserne possibly houses the Hq 207th Mtz Rifle Div. component units of this division and [redacted] units of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps [redacted]

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